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SUBJ: IVP GRANTS; DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MRS SENANAYAKE

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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO SUGGEST SLIGHT MODIFICATION IN SENANAYAKE TRAVEL PLANS, OWING TO FACT THAT WE LEARN KLM, WHICH IS PRINCIPAL CARRIER FOR THEIR TRAVEL, OTHER THAN US SEGMENT OF TRIP, DOES NOT HAVE MEXICO CITY-HOUSTON FLIGHTS RIGHTS, CONTRARY TO WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED BY LOCAL AGENT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IVP GRANT PICK UP SENANAYAKES AT MEXICO CITY ON APRIL 25 WITH DAILY EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT FROM THERE TO ATLANTA, VICE HOUSTON. THEY CAN SPEND ONE NIGHT IN ATLANTA, CATCHING ONE OF MANY FLIGHTS NEXT MORNING ON APRIL 26 FROM ATLANTA TO KNOXVILLE TO BEGIN TVA VISIT. BALANCE OF SCHEDULE UNCHANGED.

3. WHILE WE REGRET SLIGHT ADDITIONAL COST AIRFARE FROM MEXICO CITY INSTEAD OF HOUSTON, THIS IS PARTLY RECOUPED BY FACT ESCORT CAN NOW MEET THEM IN ATLANTA, INSTEAD OF HOUSTON. FOR ATLANTA STOP, SUGGEST THEY BE BOOKED IN

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REGENCY HYATT HOTEL, WHICH IS VASTLY ENLARGED AND MORE

COLORFUL VERSION OF HOLLOW DESIGN OF FAMILIAR LOCAL
OBEROI HOTEL IN COLOMBO. THIS CHANGE HAS BEEN CHECKED
OUT WITH ACTING PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS MOST AGREEABLE
TO ATLANTA STOP INSTEAD OF HOUSTON.
VAN HOLLEN

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